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Premier League Division 1

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Monaro	10	6	2	2	2	29	12	22
Weston Creek	10	6	2	2	2	24	14	22
Canberra Deakin	10	6	2	2	1	22	10	21
Capital City Suns	10	6	1	3	1	25	15	20
Gungahlin Juventus	10	6	1	3	1	21	15	20
Belconnen United	10	5	2	3	2	30	14	19
Canberra Olympic	10	5	1	4	0	21	14	16
Uni of Canberra	10	2	1	7	1	16	29	8
Burns Club	10	2	0	8	0	8	37	6
Queanbeyan City	10	0	0	9	0	12	46	0

Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Weston Creek	10	6	3	1	3	28	12	24
Uni of Canberra	10	7	1	2	1	45	9	23
Canberra Olympic	10	5	4	1	3	30	10	22
Belconnen United	10	5	3	2	3	46	19	21
Monaro	10	5	3	2	3	35	19	21
Canberra Deakin	10	3	2	5	1	27	18	12
Burns Club	10	3	2	5	1	19	21	12
Capital City Suns	10	3	1	6	1	28	31	11
Gungahlin Juventus	10	3	1	6	0	35	26	10
Queanbeyan City	10	0	0	10	0	3	130	0

Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	10	10	0	0	0	49	7	30
Uni of Canberra	10	7	1	2	1	30	12	23
Gungahlin Juventus	10	8	0	2	0	41	12	24
Weston Creek	10	7	0	3	0	38	23	21
Canberra Deakin	10	5	1	4	1	26	24	17
Capital City Suns	10	3	1	6	1	13	31	11
Monaro	10	3	0	7	0	17	36	9
Canberra Olympic	10	3	0	7	0	14	34	9
Queanbeyan City	10	1	1	8	1	12	37	5
Burns Club	10	1	0	9	0	11	35	3

Note: Queanbeyan City forfeited to Weston Creek Royals - Youth 27.6.99

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TABLE:

Premier League Division 2

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	12	10	2	0	2	24	4	34
Tuggeranong United	12	7	2	3	2	32	15	25
Belwest Foxes	12	6	1	5	1	28	25	20
Cooma	12	6	1	5	0	19	21	19
ANU	12	4	3	5	3	26	21	18
Sabres FC	12	2	5	5	4	17	32	15
White Eagles	12	3	2	7	2	18	20	13
ADFA	12	1	2	9	2	9	35	7

Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	12	9	1	2	1	27	12	29
Tuggeranong United	12	9	0	3	0	43	25	27
ANU	12	7	1	4	1	31	16	23
White Eagles	12	6	2	4	2	30	24	22
Belwest Foxes	12	7	0	5	0	37	17	21
Sabres FC	12	3	1	8	1	19	31	11
ADFA	12	3	1	8	1	19	34	11
Cooma	12	0	2	10	2	8	53	4

Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	10	9	1	0	1	49	10	29
Belconnen United	10	8	0	2	0	42	18	24
Belwest Foxes	10	4	1	5	1	21	23	14
Radford	10	4	0	6	0	19	24	12
Southern Spirit	10	3	0	7	0	21	43	9
Belsouth	10	1	0	9	0	13	47	3

Golden Boot Chase

- 11: S. Lazzari (WCK)
 9: D. Macor (Mon), M. Whyte (Bel), T. Lemezina (CCS)
 8: D. Bartone (UoC)
 7: J. Glass (Juv)
 6: L. Simeonov (Mon)
 5: G. Cattanaach (Juv), U. Castro (COly), G. Howarth (COly), P. Hader (WCK), B. Deighan (CDkn)
 4: D. Stambolziev (CCS), J. Campagna (Mon), G. Veljanovski (QbnC)

CANBERRA SOCCER NEWS

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EDITORIAL:

What an interesting set of results last week. The top 3 sides played the next three sides and all lost! Monaro now become the new Division 1 leaders. They were 4th last week.

The table is so compressed, anyone can leap ahead or fall out. Only 3 points, or a single win, separate the top six sides of the competition and one win behind 6th is Olympic.

This is definitely one of the closest competitions for many a year. No team has dominated as in the past years. The level of soccer has improved and with the closeness of the competition, the crowds are again starting to build up.

This week we see six of the seven top teams playing each other and Monaro looking to extend their lead when they go up against Queanbeyan City.

So, onto this Issue of CSN. With the Kanga Cup starting today, we need a little explanation for you all of what is going on. There are teams from everywhere, and everyone is invited to go out and watch.

We also have our regular match reports as well as details from Division 2 and those horrendous Tips we make each week. Yet still, even with all this, we are looking out for anyone willing to help with doing match reports. Openings are available for both Saturday and Sunday games. See the ad later in this Issue.

Finally, don't forget that there are no games for Premier League Division 1 next weekend, so enjoy the rest. Me, I'll be in New Zealand the next two weekends.

Enjoy your soccer,

Nick



1999 KANGA CUP

Today sees the commencement of the 1999 Kanga Cup. This is the biggest tournament for young soccer players anywhere in Australia.

There will be over 90 teams involved. Age groups cover from Under 11 to Under 17 for boys and Under 12 to Under 19 for girls. The Canberra Institute of Technology has also sponsored two Under 24 Divisions, one for boys and one for girls.

Teams will be coming from all over Australia, including as far away as country Western Australia and South Australia. There are a number of teams from Queensland who will be wondering why the temperature is so different here, as well as some from both Sydney and rural NSW.

There is also a good overseas contingent. These include the regulars from New Zealand. This year we have teams from South Africa, Nigeria, Fiji and Beijing, China involved in the competitions. It is hoped that teams from Russia, Georgia and Pakistan will arrive, but this is pending visas becoming available.

The good work of Bill Van Der Vlist has carried on from the past years. 1999 is the 9th year of the Kanga Cup and it is the seventh here in Canberra.

Games will be played throughout the day in each of three venues. These are Hackett Oval, Downer Oval and the Dickson complex of ovals. The finals are to be held at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The game times will vary between 10:00am and 3:30pm and information about international matches can be obtained from the Kanga Cup web site that is linked off the Soccer Canberra web site.

The Opening Ceremony of this International soccer tournament will take place today at the Australian Institute of Sport Athletics Stadium from 11:00am.

The tournament will be opened by ACT Minister for Sport, Bill Stefaniak and Annette Ellis during the opening ceremony at 1:00pm.

There will be two Under 14 age group matches played as well. At 11:00am Eastern Cape from the Republic of South Africa will play locals Majura and at 1:45pm Albany Thunder of New Zealand will go up against Gunners United from NSW.

Matches will continue throughout the week and on the following weekend of Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th the Finals will take place. All of these will be at the AIS Athletics Stadium.

If you want to see the future of our sport fighting it out against those from around the world, then make your way out to some of these games. At least do yourself a favour and go and see the finals. Remember that there aren't any games next Sunday, so there is no excuse not to see the Finals.

A good time to treat yourself is around your lunchbreak during the weekdays. There will be canteens available at every ground, catering for all your needs.

Oh, and for a real treat, get along and taste the cuisine at the canteen run by the ANU boys at Downer Oval.

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MONARO TAKES OUT FIERY DERBY GAME



Monaro 1



Gungahlin Juventus 0

The Canberra Italian derby is always going to be a great match, and this one was no exception. All that was missing were the goals. There was even a crowd of around 200 on hand.

Monaro and Gungahlin Juventus are great rivals from many years back, but this time Monaro came away with the points after grounding out a 1-0 scoreline. The result moves them from fourth to first, although only on goal difference, in an incredibly packed Top 6.

The first half was quite dull with each side having rare opportunities. The blame for this centred more on the lack of a good final ball in the last third than solid defence from both sides.

The midfield battle was very hard, and it was here where Monaro seemed to get the edge. John Rakic and Joe Campagna were solid winning everything they could and Jimmy Baxter use his height well.

In fact it was Baxter who had the first chance of the game. In the fourth minute a Campagna corner was headed goalward by Baxter. The ball easily passed over Denis Langone in goals, but to Baxter's dismay the crossbar came to the keeper's rescue.

Just past the 15 minute mark and Rakic sent a diagonal ball to an unmarked Danny Macor. Unfortunately, his first touch let him down and the ball was cleared upfield before he had a second chance.

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Late in the first half Juventus came back into the game and had some great opportunities to break the deadlock. Some excellent work by Utah Nirvana near the by-line saw him cross the ball to George Cattanach who hit the bar from close range.

Then with only two minutes left in the half a superb free-kick from set-ball specialist Craig Rankine found the diving Cattanach. His header went agonisingly wide with Tony Guarino anchored to his line.

Into the second period and what was needed was granted. Campagna received a long ball on the right. He worked his way down to the goal line and tried to cross to the waiting attackers in the box.

His cross took a hard deflection that saw the ball spin awkwardly towards goal. Langone was covering the near post and peddled back desperately only to see the ball slowly drop over his outreached arms and into the goal.

It was hoped that this would be the tonic to open up the game, and even though there were no more goals, both sides attacked furiously in the hope of a score.

Juve were first to move forward. A Steven Kemp corner was headed over by Cattanach. A minute later it was Monaro's turn. A quick free-kick from Baxter went into the box. Danny Serena beat Langone to the ball and chipped it over him. Oscar Zamora was on hand fortunately, to clear off the line.

Next it was Lazar Simeonov who's turn and volley sailed across goal and then Serena missed a golden opportunity when Campagna cut the ball back for him. He miskicked from a few metres out, and by the time he recovered, the ball was away.

Then, to add spice to the event, with six minutes left on the clock a scuffle broke out between Campagna and Kemp, which saw the former sent from the field for head-butting his opponent. It was now up to the defence to hold out.

Juventus pushed everyone forward. Zamora was making a number of incisive runs, but was always met by strong defence. Substitute Valerio Galeotti proved himself on the day when he won everything in the air, thus snuffing out chance after chance.

Yet Monaro could have buried the game themselves. Danny Macor was put through on a break-away. He beat his defender and when one-on-one with Langone could only send a weak shot towards the keeper.

Five minutes into injury time and it was the last hope. Zamora put in John Glass. With only the keeper to beat he blasted away. Guarino was able to get a hand to the ball deflecting it onto the bar. Kemp was first to the rebound but his header went well wide of goal.

Monaro coach Andrew Monterosso said "today was like a grand final. An excellent game which we won through the midfield. The boys did a fantastic job and I'm glad we grabbed the three points."

For Juventus, Billy Willox thought that the game was not a classic. "We had our chances and didn't take them. After six wins, maybe this will bring us back to earth", Willox said.

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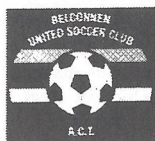
We are looking for part-time budding journalists. We need people who can go out to a game on a Saturday or Sunday, make up a match report and file it to the Editor before 6pm on a Sunday.

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Come out – the weather's fine!

FAVOURITE SUN TOO HOT FOR BELCONNEN

by Greg Welsh



Belconnen United 1



Capital City Suns 2

Two goals to striker Tony Lemezina earned the Capital City Suns a priceless 2-1 victory over defending premiers Belconnen United in their ACT Premier League match at Hawker Oval on Sunday.

Suns co-coach Ian Shaw went so far as to suggest the classy 32-year-old forward could resurrect his NSL career based on his current form.

'I do think that in an inexperienced Cosmos team this boy could play a large role,' Shaw said after the game. 'Players can actually learn off him. He shows the maturity, and his percentage of football is very high - he never hardly gives the ball away and he's always off-loading.'

A cautious first half display from both teams provided few goal-scoring opportunities, although Lemezina gave Belconnen a scare (and a warning of things to come) in the 40th minute.

Receiving the ball on the edge of the penalty box, the star striker showed a deft touch to dribble around goalkeeper Rade Kosanovic and two Belconnen defenders before side-footing the ball from an acute angle toward the empty net. However fullback Aaron Fuller got back well to clear off his own line and maintain the deadlock.

Belconnen came out from the break in a more attacking frame of mind, and reaped the reward in the 54th minute. Luke Larfield, who was at the heart of most Belconnen's chances throughout the match, provided a telling cross from the right, which bounced over and through the Suns defence to land at the feet of an unmarked Matt Whyte at the back post.

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Whyte turned neatly and drilled the ball inside the far post to give Belconnen a deserved, but ultimately short-lived, 1-0 lead.

Six minutes later, Lemezina turned the game on its head with a piece of individual brilliance. Once again receiving the ball in an unpromising position, the striker mesmerised the Belconnen defence with some fancy footwork before slotting the ball past Kosanovic to level the score.

Within another four minutes, Lemezina had notched up his second goal of the game and Belconnen were wondering how things had suddenly gone so horribly wrong.

This time Shane Lyons started the attack down the left-hand flank before feeding the ball towards Stan Blazeovski, who delightfully back-heeled the ball into the path of the onrushing Lemezina.

The striker once again showed composure in front of goal by placing the ball expertly past the advancing Kosanovic, handing Belconnen their third consecutive loss.

Belconnen coach Lino Fiorese was scathing of his team's defensive effort, blaming lazy marking and poor communication for the defeat. 'Defensively we're very very poor. We can't stop players facing our goal inside the 18-yard box, and that's due to the fact we're not marking properly,' the coach said.

DEAKIN TAKE DOWN LEAGUE LEADERS

by Dylan Durie



Canberra Deakin 2



Weston Creek Royals 0

A goal in each half saw Canberra Deakin defeat top-of-the-table Weston Creek in their Premier League match at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

Both goals came from Anthony Rakic corners with the young left back turning in a superb all round display in a strong team effort.

Weston started the game quite well, forcing two good saves from Deakin keeper Pedro Pavez in the first five minutes, but it was Deakin that struck first with an own goal off the head of Tim Dale after Paul Ivanic flicked on a corner.

Deakin proceeded to make all the play for the next 25 minutes but failed to create any real openings, with long range shooting seemingly their only route to goal.

The Royals came back into the game late in the half but squandered several good opportunities that probably cost them any chance of winning the game.

Pavez was forced to dive low in the 37th minute to stop a good curling free kick from Martin Lazzari, then Steve Lazzari failed to produce a shot on target when he had space in the penalty area after a good Peter Hader cross.

Another Martin Lazzari free kick cannonned back off the post in injury time with the keeper well beaten from 25 yards, then Pavez produced a brilliant reflex save with his foot to deny Steve Lazzari from close range after good lead up work by Nabbil Adhami.

The second half was very even with several chances for both sides as Weston pushed forward in search of an equaliser while Deakin were content to sit back and catch them on the break.

From one such attack Rakic produced a perfect cross with Gaby Exposito and Anthony Barac both unmarked in the box, but Barac's mis-timed jump served only to put off Exposito who pushed a tame volley wide.

Peter Hader then had two good chances to even the score but a fine save from Pavez and then the outside of the post combined to keep him out before Mladin Rogic sealed the points for Deakin when he turned in a corner at the far post while completely unmarked.

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Deakin then retreated further into their own half but Weston were unable to take advantage of a glut of possession, the closest they came to scoring was a far post header by Steve Lazzari that seemed destined for the net but was somehow kept out.

Deakin coach Bernie Lustica was well pleased by their effort, praising his team for their work-rate and discipline. The result meanwhile only increases the log-jam at the top of the Premier League table.

PENALTY SAVE SAVES STUDENTS



University of Canberra 2



Queanbeyan City Lions 0

The University grounds saw the home team take the points from Queanbeyan City Lions by winning 2-0.

Yet it was not all their way as Queanbeyan had a penalty midway through the second half and had they converted, the game would have finished much tighter.

"The penalty save was pretty crucial", said Uni coach Rod Lynes, "it could have turned the game."

Yet the students were really at fault for not scoring themselves given the number of chances that were provided. Both Dominic Bartone and Dustan Wells were guilty of wasting good opportunities.

Even so, these were the two scorers for Uni. Wells provided a good finish after he was put in with a diagonal ball from Nick Behr midway through the first half.

Early in the second, Uni doubled their lead, but it took at least four goes before Bartone tapped in from a few metres out. Wells sent in a cross from the right, and the students took one shot after another before it fell to Bartone.

Midway through the half Andy Wilson was adjudged to have fouled one of the Queanbeyan players and the referee awarded a penalty kick. The shot was well saved by Chris Freeman thus allowing him to keep his clean sheet.

Lynes said after the game that he was pleased with the total commitment. "It was solid all over; the boys put in a lot of effort. Hopefully we can carry this on for next week." Amongst a total team effort Lynes felt that Damiano Serenellini and Paul Panebianco played pretty well.

OLYMPIC CLOSE GAP ON LEADERS



Canberra Olympic 4



Burns Club 0

In probably the only match which was easy to pick, Canberra Olympic dominated and easily won 4-0 over the Burns Club at O'Connor Oval. The win continues their slow move up the table to challenge the top 4.

Even though they scored early it took some effort to finish off the tenacious Burns team. "We could have had 10 or 15 today. We need a bit more composure", said Olympic coach Baz Giampaolo.

Peter Mazis opened proceedings for Olympic with a 9th minute strike, yet it wasn't until the 42nd when they should have definitely doubled the scoreline.

A shot at goal was handled by Tim Skinner for Burns and following his expulsion, Marcello Fernandez's penalty was well saved by the Burns keeper.

Into the second half and Olympic kept on charging hard for the extra scores. The Burns defence were holding out very well.

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Exactly midway through the half Njegosh Popovich came to the rescue to give his team that second goal and a little buffer. With the defence finally breached, Geoff Howarth and Elliott Zwangobani added the extras.

"I thought we dominated territorially. We scored early and then seemed to find the comfort zone. I'm quite happy with the result", stated Giampaolo.

ACT Women's Soccer

by Anya Whitelaw

Weston Creek pulled off a major upset against Canberra City defeating them 4-2 at Dickson to bounce back from last weekends trouncing.

Sascha Wainwright opened the scoring for Weston 12 minutes into the game, her left foot shot from 25 meters out too powerful for City keeper Michelle Tiffan.

This goal seemed to inspire the Weston side, Lubitza Stevnjaic showed some fancy foot work to pass three players and pot their second goal eight minutes later.

Not wanting to easy the pressure on City, Weston scored again before half time. Pacey winger Lisa Mills streaked past the defence to chip Tiffan and take her side to a 3-0 lead.

City lifted in the second half, Amy Kilpatrick putting her team on the board with a shot from the top of the box slotted past advancing Weston keeper Georgie Hadden.

Ten minutes out from full time, Tiffan who had a very ordinary game in goals, let an easy catch go straight through her leaving Bianca Lee with an easy tap in.

City then put everything into the game to gain some respectibility, Hadden pulling off several excellent saves before a Heather Birnie header found a way through.

The final scoreline was very pleasing for Weston, their 4-2 win well deserved and proving to themselves they can match it with the stronger clubs.

The Premier League Division 2 Page

Sabres FC v Tuggeranong United

Owing to some repairs, this match was transferred to the AIS and onto a near perfect playing surface.

Tuggeranong started off the better of the two sides and capitalised on the early mistakes of Sabres.

Goals in the first half by S. Conlon and C. Russell were supplemented by the sending off of Sabres defender M. Collins. Yet T. Donaldson was able to get one back just before the break.

A goal down and a player short, it would be an uphill battle for the Sabres against the second placed Tuggeranong. The second half showed just how wrong this was to be.

Donaldson added a second and then set up N. Terrell for the winner with a quarter of an hour left on the clock. Their goalkeeper was then relied upon to pull out some good saves to keep the lead intact until the final whistle.

In other games O'Connor Knights kept up their unbeaten record with a win over Belwest Foxes. ANU comfortably defeated bottom team ADFA and White Eagles gave Cooma their second home loss in a row.

ANU 4 (S. Channing 2, D. Hanna, P. Roberts) ADFA 0

O'Connor Knights 3 (A. Merdzan, D. Terzic, M. Jurjevic) Belwest Foxes 0

Sabres FC 3 (T. Donaldson 2, N. Terrell)
Tuggeranong 2 (S. Conlon, C. Russell)

Cooma 2 (N. Tonini, T. Morgan) White Eagles 4 (N. Aleksic 2, F. Fiorese, E. Bonnett)

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CSN Predictions for Week 10

Capital City Suns v Canberra Deakin
2pm O'Connor Oval (Last round: 2-2)
Both teams have changed vastly since the draw earlier in the season, yet the result may not change. Deakin are on a roll with 6 wins in a row. Suns' Tony Lemezina is playing some of his best football, so this could be an exciting and open game.
PICK: DRAW

Weston Creek Royals v Canberra Olympic
2pm Woden Park (Last Round: Weston 3-0)
Creek were brought back to earth last week when Deakin beat them, so the question is whether they can bounce back. Olympic are now playing Finals football every week so that they can keep in touch.
PICK: WESTON CREEK

Gungahlin Juventus v Belconnen United
2pm Jamison Oval (Last Round: Bels 5-2)
What a difference half a season makes. Juventus suffered their first loss in a little while out at Riverside last weekend, whilst Belconnen are on a 3 game slide. Bels need the win more than anything.
PICK: JUVENTUS

Burns Club v University of Canberra
2pm Greenway Oval (Last Round: Burns 2-0)
The students are making their second attempt to win 2 games in a row. Burns need to halt the flow of goals against, and this is a good chance for them to register another win. They should have Gardiner Murray back to help them.
PICK: UNI OF CANBERRA

Queanbeyan City Lions v Monaro
2pm Riverside Stadium (Last Round: Monaro 7-0)
Top versus bottom – what can one say. But this bottom side is improving each week. One will not expect the upset, but the result won't be as big.
PICK: MONARO